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Report Highlights:

MY 2012/13 (November/October) Greek production of tangerines and oranges is expected to increase slightly, due to favorable weather. Greece is a large importer of lemons. In MY 2011/12, Greece imported 30,997 MT of lemons, mainly from Argentina (15,770 MT), Turkey (5,903 MT), and Italy (4,191 MT).

Oranges

Table 1: Production, Supply, and Demand (MT)

Oranges	2010	2011	2012
	Estimates 2010/2011	Estimates 2011/2012	Forecast 2012/2013
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	37,874	36,384	37,000
Area Harvested	36,000	34,564	35,150
Production	901,342	894,560	914,000
Imports	5,592	7,272	7,300
Total Supply	906,934	901,832	921,300
Exports	405,764	317,739	315,000
Fresh Dom. Consumption	366,170	474,093	481,300
For Processing	135,000	110,000	125,000
Total Distribution	906,934	901,832	921,300

Source: Greek industry contacts; GTA (Global Trade Atlas)

PRODUCTION

MY 2012/13 (November/October) Greek orange production is expected to increase slightly compared to the previous year, due to favorable weather. Peloponnese and Aitolokarnaia (western Greece) are the main orange-producing areas. *Washington Navel*, *Commons*, *Valencia*, *Navelina*, and *Newhall* are the major orange varieties grown in Greece.

CONSUMPTION

MY 2012/13 Greek orange consumption is expected to remain steady. Most oranges are consumed fresh (channeled to open markets and grocery stores). *Commons* variety is used predominantly in processing.

TRADE

In MY 2011/12, Greece exported 317,739 MT of oranges mainly to Romania (65,492 MT), Germany (35,858 MT), Serbia (32,378 MT), and Poland (27,232 MT). *Navels* and *Tardives* are marketed mostly from November through March. In MY 2011/12, Greece imported 7,272 MT of fresh oranges mainly from Hungary (2,182 MT), South Africa (1,174 MT), and Bulgaria (1,033 MT).

Orange Juice

Table 2: Production, Supply, and Demand (MT)

Orange Juice	2010	2011	2012
	Estimates 2010/2011	Estimates 2011/2012	Forecast 2012/2013
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Deliv. to Processors	135,000	110,000	125,000
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0
Production	8,289	6,754	7,675
Imports	8,416	6,502	6,480
Total Supply	16,705	13,256	14,155
Exports	6,652	6,186	5,891
Domestic Consumption	10,053	7,070	8,264
Ending Stocks	0	0	0
Total Distribution	16,705	13,256	14,155

Source: Greek industry contacts; GTA (Global Trade Atlas)

Greece is expected to process about 125,000 MT of oranges in MY 2012/13 to produce 7,675 MT of concentrate. The total volume of oranges channeled to processing depends on crop quality and the quantity of oranges destined for the fresh market, both domestic and foreign.

Tangerines

Table 3: Production, Supply, and Demand (MT)

Tangerines	2010	2011	2012
	Estimates 2010/2011	Estimates 2011/2012	Forecast 2012/2013
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	6,503	7,042	7,100
Area Harvested	6,178	6,690	6,745
Production	109,476	129,249	135,000
Imports	4,853	2,756	2,700
Total Supply	114,329	132,005	137,700
Exports	83,545	72,070	72,000
Fresh Dom. Consumption	29,784	58,935	64,700
For Processing	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Distribution	114,329	132,005	137,700

Source: Greek industry contacts; GTA (Global Trade Atlas)

PRODUCTION

MY 2012/13 (November/October) Greek tangerine production is expected to grow by 4.4 percent due to favorable weather. The main producing areas include the prefectures of Igoumenitsa, Arta, Mosologgi, and Thesprotia, located in northern Greece. *Clementine* is the major tangerine variety grown in Greece.

CONSUMPTION

Most tangerines are consumed fresh. *Clementines* are consumed mainly along the west coast and cover early and late season demand, both domestically and abroad.

TRADE

In MY 2011/12, Greece exported 72,070 MT of tangerines, mainly to Romania (19,311 MT), Bulgaria (11,646 MT), and Serbia (8,080 MT). *Clementines* are marketed from January to May. In MY 2011/12, Greece imported 2,756 MT of fresh tangerines mostly from Italy (1,295 MT) and Cyprus (768 MT).

Lemons

Table 4: Production, Supply, and Demand (MT)

Lemons	2010	2011	2012
	Estimates 2010/2011	Estimates 2011/2012	Forecast 2012/2013
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	7,206	7,451	7,500
Area Harvested	6,846	7,078	7,125
Production	58,000	66,123	67,000
Imports	30,018	30,997	31,000
Total Supply	88,018	97,120	98,000
Exports	2,475	5,894	5,900
Fresh Dom. Consumption	85,043	90,726	91,600
For Processing	500	500	500
Total Distribution	88,018	97,120	98,000

Source: Greek industry contacts; GTA (Global Trade Atlas)

PRODUCTION

MY 2012/13 (November/October) Greek lemon production is expected to remain steady. The main lemon-producing areas include the prefectures of Korinthos, Achaia, Piraeus, and Ilias, located in northern Greece. The major lemon variety grown in Greece is *Maglini*, whose fruit is strongly aromatic, with a quite sour juice. It has a thin, shiny peel and when fully ripe has a yellow color.

CONSUMPTION

MY 2012/13 Greek lemon consumption is expected to stay flat. Greek lemon production is all destined for the fresh market. Greece has become increasingly reliant on imported lemon juice to meet consumer demand for soft drinks. The yield for lemon juice is 15-17 Kg of fresh lemons to produce 1 Kg of lemon juice, depending on the quality of the fruit.

TRADE

Greece is a large importer of lemons. In MY 2011/12, Greece imported 30,997 MT of lemons, mainly from Argentina (15,770 MT), Turkey (5,903 MT), and Italy (4,191 MT). In MY 2011/12, Greece exported 5,894 MT of lemons mainly to Romania (2,402 MT) and Bulgaria (2,135 MT). The *Maglini* lemon variety is marketed from December to May and from September to November after artificial ripening.

Grapefruits

Table 5: Production, Supply, and Demand (MT)

Grapefruits	2010	2011	2012
	Estimates 2010/2011	Estimates 2011/2012	Forecast 2012/2013
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	250	363	350
Area Harvested	237	345	333
Production	5,512	11,765	11,500
Imports	3,541	3,075	3,000
Total Supply	9,053	14,840	14,500
Exports	1,756	1,667	1,660
Fresh Dom. Consumption	6,797	12,673	12,340
For Processing	500	500	500
Total Distribution	9,053	14,840	14,500

Source: Greek industry contacts; GTA (Global Trade Atlas)

PRODUCTION

MY 2012/13 (November/October) Greek grapefruit production is expected to stay flat. The prefectures of Corinth and Kavala, the region of Thessaly, and the island of Crete are the major grapefruit-producing areas.

CONSUMPTION

MY 2012/2013 Greek grapefruit consumption is expected to remain stable. Most grapefruits are consumed fresh.

TRADE

In MY 2011/12, Greece exported 1,667 MT of grapefruits mainly to Bulgaria (619 MT) and Romania (449 MT). In MY 2011/12, Greece imported 3,075 MT of grapefruits mainly from South Africa (1,165 MT), Cyprus (530 MT), and China (415 MT).

Abbreviations and definitions used in this report

MY Marketing year

Oranges, Tangerines, Lemons, Grapefruit, Orange Juice: November/October

HS Codes

Oranges: 080510

Tangerines: 080520

Lemons: 080550

Grapefruit: 080540

Orange juice: 200911-200912-200919

MT Metric ton = 1000 kg

Ha hectare; 1 ha = 2.471 acres

EU European Union